

**THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:)	Chapter 11
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W.R. GRACE & CO., <u>et al.</u> ,)	Case No. 01-01139 (JKF)
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Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
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**THIRTY-FIRST QUARTERLY INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF BLACKSTONE
ADVISORY PARTNERS L.P. AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO W.R. GRACE & CO.
AND AFFILIATES FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES
INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009**

SUMMARY SHEET

Name of Applicant:	Blackstone Advisory Partners L.P.		
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	Debtors		
Date of Retention:	June 22, 2001, effective April 2, 2001		
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009		
Amount of Compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$200,000.00		
Amount of Expense Reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$3,193.82		
This is a	___ monthly	<u> x </u> interim	___ final application

**CUMULATIVE SUMMARY OF MONTHLY APPLICATIONS OF
BLACKSTONE ADVISORY PARTNERS L.P. AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR
TO W.R. GRACE & CO. AND AFFILIATES FOR COMPENSATION AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD OF
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Fee Application, Filing Date, Docket No. (if available)	Total Fees Requested	Total Expenses Requested	Certification of No Objection Filing Date, Docket No.	Amount of Fees Paid (80%)	Amount of Expenses Paid (100%)	Amount of Holdback Fees Sought
10/01/09 – 10/31/09, 24005	\$100,000.00	\$1,354.62	01/05/10, 24112	\$80,000.00	\$1,354.62	\$20,000.00
11/01/09 – 11/30/09	0.00	0.00	--	0.00	0.00	0.00
12/01/09 – 12/31/09, 24284	100,000.00	1,839.20	03/05/10, 24408	80,000.00	1,839.20	20,000.00
Total	\$200,000.00	\$3,193.82		\$160,000.00	\$3,193.82	\$40,000.00

CUMULATIVE COMPENSATION SUMMARY BY PROJECT CATEGORY

Project Category	Total Hours for the Interim Period	Total Fees for the Interim Periods ¹	Total Fees from the Petition Date ²
Accounting/Auditing	0.0	NA	NA
Asset Dispositions	0.0	NA	NA
Business Analysis	69.6	NA	NA
Case Administration	0.0	NA	NA
Claims Analysis/Resolution	13.1	NA	NA
Committee	0.2	NA	NA
Corporate Finance	20.2	NA	NA
Employment Applications	0.0	NA	NA
Employee Benefits	0.0	NA	NA
Fee Applications	1.5	NA	NA
Financing	66.5	NA	NA
Hearings	0.0	NA	NA
Non-Working Travel Time	30.7	NA	NA
Other	5.5	NA	NA
Plan & Disclosure Statement	38.1	NA	NA
Tax Issues	0.0	NA	NA
Valuation	0.0	NA	NA

¹ Blackstone does not bill by the hour; therefore, a calculation of total fees by hour, by category is not applicable.

CUMULATIVE EXPENSE SUMMARY (\$)

Expense Categories	Total Expenses for the Interim Period	Total Expenses from the Petition date
Airfare/Railroad/Ground Transportation	\$1,759.26	\$103,106.39
Meals and Lodging	1,289.14	46,128.32
Research	1.20	40,970.96
Communications	124.42	13,833.78
Word Processing	0.00	15,483.44
Photocopying	19.80	17,066.77
Other	0.00	8,193.53

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Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code, Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, the Retention Order (as defined herein), and this Court's *Administrative Order Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a) and 331 Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Official Committee Members* ("Procedures"), Blackstone Advisory Partners L.P. ("Blackstone") hereby submits this thirty-first quarterly interim application (the "Thirty-First Quarterly Interim Application") for allowance of (i) compensation for actual and necessary professional services rendered by it as financial advisor to the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for the period of October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 (the "Thirty-First Interim Period"), and (ii) the reimbursement of expenses recorded in providing said services during the Thirty-First Interim Period.

In support of this Thirty-First Quarterly Interim Application, Blackstone respectfully represents as follows:

I. Jurisdiction

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).

II. Background

2. Blackstone is financial advisor to the Debtors.

3. On April 2, 2001 (the “Petition Date”), the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for reorganization under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1330 (as amended, the “Bankruptcy Code”). The Debtors continue to operate their business and manage their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

4. On April 2, 2001, the Debtors applied to this Court for an order authorizing them to retain Blackstone pursuant to an engagement agreement dated February 15, 2001 (the “Engagement Agreement”) as their financial advisor, effective as of the Petition Date.

5. On June 22, 2001, this Court entered an order (the “Retention Order”) authorizing the Debtors to employ Blackstone as their financial advisor effective as of the Petition Date pursuant to the terms of the Engagement Agreement.

III. Narrative Description of Blackstone’s Activities during the Thirty-First Interim Period

6. The financial services provided by Blackstone to the Debtors during the Thirty-First Interim Period included:

- Provide expert witness testimony during the Debtors’ confirmation hearing;
- Prepare financial analyses related to exit financing;
- Participate in calls with management and counsel regarding exit financing engagement letters;
- Negotiate exit financing engagement letters with various investment banks;

- Prepare various corporate finance analyses for management;
- Review and comment on draft court motions;
- Prepare analyses related to interest on pre-petition bank debt claims and other plan objections;
- Attend Debtors' strategic planning sessions;
- Interface with the key creditor constituents (including the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, the Bodily Injury Asbestos Committee, the Property Damage Asbestos Committee, the Future Claims Representative and the Equity Committee, as well as their respective legal and financial advisors) related to due diligence requests regarding third quarter financial results, court motions and new business development; and
- Provide strategic and business advice in connection with the bankruptcy.

IV. Blackstone's Request for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses

7. Pursuant to the Procedures, professionals may request monthly compensation and the reimbursement of expenses incurred. The notice parties listed in the Procedures may object to such a request. If no notice party objects to a professional's request within twenty (20) days after the date of service of the request, the applicable professional may submit to this Court a certification of no objection whereupon the Debtors are authorized to pay 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested.

8. Furthermore, and also pursuant to the Procedures, professionals are to file with this Court and serve upon the notice parties a quarterly request (the "Quarterly Interim Application") for interim approval and allowance of the monthly fee applications filed during the quarter covered by the Quarterly Interim Application. If this Court grants the relief requested in the Quarterly Interim Application, the Debtors are authorized and directed to pay the professional 100% of the fees and expenses requested in the monthly fee applications covered by that Quarterly Interim Application less any amounts previously paid in connection with the monthly

fee applications. Any payment made pursuant to the monthly fee applications or the Quarterly Interim Application is subject to final approval of all fees and expenses at a hearing on the professional's final fee application.

A. Blackstone's Request for Compensation

9. With this Thirty-First Quarterly Interim Application, Blackstone seeks interim allowance of compensation in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the Thirty-First Interim Period.⁽²⁾ Copies of Blackstone's invoices pertaining to the Thirty-First Interim Period are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

B. Blackstone's Request for Reimbursement of Expenses

10. During the Thirty-First Interim Period, Blackstone has recorded expenses in the amount of \$3,193.82. The details of these expenses are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

11. Local Travel is primarily for cash out-of-pocket transportation expenses incurred either (i) in New York traveling to and from meetings related to the client's matter, traveling to/from home/office prior to normal working hours or after 8:00 pm, and the employee has traveled at those times as a result of the time exigencies of that client's matter or (ii) at the site of a meeting. If the employee lives outside Manhattan, it is permissible for that employee to take a car service since taking a taxi is impractical.

12. Meal Expenses include employee meals while traveling on client matters and in accordance with the restrictions set forth below and meals provided during meetings with the Debtors, committees and their advisors. Blackstone's general policy permits its employees to bill lunch or dinner meals to a client if the employee is required to provide services to the client during such meal time due to extreme time constraints. Blackstone employees are permitted to

⁽²⁾ Blackstone has not and will not bill the Debtors for its monthly advisory fee for the month of November 2009.

order meals in the office if the employee is required to work on client related matters after 8:00 p.m. Blackstone caps its meal expenses at \$25 per meal.

V. Requested Relief

13. With this Thirty-First Quarterly Interim Application, Blackstone requests that this Court approve the interim allowance of compensation for professional services rendered and the reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses recorded by Blackstone during the Thirty-First Interim Period. At all relevant times, Blackstone has been a disinterested person as that term is defined in § 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code and has not represented or held an interest adverse to the interest of the Debtors.

14. All services for which Blackstone is requesting compensation were performed for or on behalf of the Debtors and not on behalf of any committee, creditor, or other person.

15. During the Thirty-First Interim Period, Blackstone has received no payment and no promises for payment from any source (other than the Debtors) for services rendered or to be rendered in any capacity whatsoever in connection with the Debtors' cases.

WHEREFORE, Blackstone respectfully requests that this Court enter an order, substantially in the form attached hereto, providing that, for the Thirty-First Interim Period:

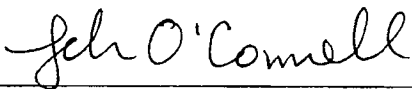
- a) An allowance be made to Blackstone in the sum of \$200,000.00 as compensation for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered to the Debtors and in the sum of \$3,193.82 reimbursement of actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred, for a total of \$203,193.82 and the Debtors be authorized and directed to pay to Blackstone's outstanding Monthly Fees and expenses for the Thirty-First Interim Period as follows:

Total Fees	\$200,000.00
Total Expenses	3,193.82
Subtotal	<u>203,193.82</u>
Less Payments Received	<u>(163,193.82)</u>
Amount Due Blackstone	<u>\$40,000.00</u>

- b) Grant such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: April 6, 2010

Blackstone Advisory Partners L.P.
Financial Advisor to W.R. Grace & Co.

By: 

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

John James O'Connell III being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a Managing Director of Blackstone Advisory Partners L.P ("Blackstone"), which maintains offices at 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154. Blackstone is financial advisor to the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") in the captioned case.

2. This affidavit is submitted pursuant to Delaware Bankruptcy Local Rule 2016-2 in connection with Blackstone's thirty-first quarterly interim application (the "Thirty-First Quarterly Interim Application") for allowance of (i) compensation for services rendered to the Debtors for the period of October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 (the "Thirty-First Interim Period") in the amount of \$200,000.00, and (ii) the reimbursement of expenses recorded during the Thirty-First Interim Period in the amount of \$3,193.82.

3. All of the services for which Blackstone seeks compensation were performed for, and on behalf of, the Debtors and not on behalf of any other person or stakeholder.

4. No agreement or understanding exists between Blackstone and any other entity for the sharing of compensation received, or to be received, for services rendered in, or in connection with, these cases.

5. I have reviewed and I understand the requirements of Delaware Bankruptcy Local Rule 2016-2 and I believe that this Thirty-First Quarterly Interim Application fully complies with all provisions contained in said rule.

By: *John O'Connell*
John James O'Connell III
Managing Director

Sworn to before me this
6th day of April 2010

Erin L. Arnold
Notary Public

ERIN L. ARNOLD
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF NEW YORK
No. 01AR6177287
Qualified in Kings County
My Commission Expires November 13, 2011